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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following information, which includes documents cited in the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, and the Written Opinion for International Application No. PCT/JP05/00979, of which the above-referenced application is a National Stage:

(1) W. LEI, "Inhibitory Effect of Panex Notoginseng (Arasaponin E1) on the Central Nervous System", Zhongcaoyao, Vol. 17, No. 1, pp. 15-18 (1986);

(2) J. J. NAH et al., "Effect of Ginsenosides, Active Components of Ginseng, on Capsaicin-Induced Pain-Related Behavior", Neuropharmacology, Vol. 39, No. 11, pp. 2180-2184 (2000);

(3) J. J. NAH et al., "Effect of Spinally Administered Ginseng Total Saponin on Capsaicin-Induced Pain and Excitatory Amino Acids-Induced Nociceptive Responses", J. Ginseng Res., Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 38-43 (1999); and

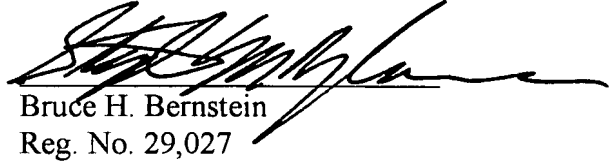
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Copies of the above-listed documents, the International Search Report (in English), the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, and the Written Opinion (in English) for International Application No. PCT/JP05/00979 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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